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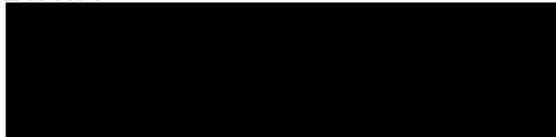
Mr. Bannerman via Mr. Coffey and 

Attached is the quarterly progress report on the purge of files from the Records Center. It says that because of continuing new accessions there has been only a 3,238 cubic foot net reduction in volume, despite some 5,796 feet having been authorized for permanent removal. The 6-month accumulative reduction is even smaller because accessions exceeded disposals in the early months of the purge.

The Records Board resists predicting any trend or final results yet. Whether or not the removals will snowball or dwindle is unknown at present. They find what they consider to be promising activities in many related areas. They are analyzing alternatives to meet our storage needs but cannot make recommendations yet. They feel another quarter will permit sounder proposals.

I am uneasy about this report, more for what it does not say than what it does. I see no reason to hold it up any longer, but I would like to discuss it with you early next week.

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